

14 FEB 269 AD

ST. VALENTINE (priest and physician)
was beheaded on the Flaminian Way
near Rome on 14 Feb 269 AD,
when Emperor Claudius II was
persecuting christians

Feb 269

Postumus was at TRIER (capital of the Gallic empire) when news came of the rebellion of LAELIANUS at MAINZ. As governor of Upper Germany (under Postumus) LAELIANUS ~~who~~ would have had 2 legions at his disposal, as against 2 legions in Lower Germany which remained loyal to Postumus. Laelianus's support seems rapidly to have withered, however, and within

a couple of months Postumus had defeated
the usurper and retaken MAINZ.

The fate of Haelianus is not recorded, but
Postumus himself perished in
the aftermath, for he refused to allow
his soldiers to pillage the city, and
was murdered by them for his refusal.

269-274

26th Pope St Felix I
Rome, Martyr. Prescribed the
rite for the dedication of churches.
In his letter to the bishop of Alexandria
he stated the teaching of the Church
on the Blessed Trinity so clearly
that the Council of Ephesus (431)
quoted from it.
In the dispute about the bishopric

of Antioch, purged by the heresy of
Paul of Samosata, Emperor Aurelian gave
the decision: "Let him be bishop of Antioch
who is in communion with the
bishops of Italy, especially with the
bishop of Rome."

Gauls ravaged the coast
of Europe and Asia
~~They also defeated~~
they were defeated by the
Romans in 267 under
CLAUDIUS II

The victory of Claudius II enclosed the snapping-up operations on the Balkan peninsula. The remaining Goths next moved again in the direction of Macedonia, into the interior of the empire. Hunger, disease and weather claimed many victims among the empire's defeated enemies, who dissolved into subunits. The Roman cavalry forced them to change their route of march. The Goths who were

still alive were eventually encircled at the
Thracian MONS GESSAX. 2000 Roman infantry
lost their lives. Roman horsemen prevented
an even worse rout of the infantry. The
surrounded Sattas finally surrendered & were
either taken into the Roman army or
settled as coloni south of the Danube.

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269-274 required

St. FELIX I was 26th Pontiff
He succeeded Dismasius

after Gallienus' victory over the Heruli,
the commander of the Roman field army in
Italy deserted and the leader of the troops that
were to block the road for the Helios group
conspired against the emperor.

While the Goths who had landed in Greece
were turned aside by DEXIPPUS and his
Attic militia and reeled off toward EPIRUS

Gallienus lost his power & his life. Then
the rebellious commander met his death

and finally Claudius II established
himself as emperor. He gained a great
victory over the Goths at NAISSUS⁽²⁶⁰⁾ - NISH
which eliminated the Hellas group of Goths
but which also doomed the western unit of
the Thessalonica group to destruction.

269AD

ST. FELIX I, POPE

The third division of the Gothic fleet, which was either made up from the start of Goths and Heruli or was reinforced by Heruli only in 269, turned toward Asia Minor; Rhodes, Cyprus, Crete, and Sade on the Pamphulian mainland were the targets of their attacks. The mixed fleet probably also pillaged Troy and the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus, even if the well-fortified

City of Ephesus itself could not be harmed
It is remarkable how quickly the Roman defences
responded considering the large # of invaders &
the various directions of their advance.

Gallienus's heavy-armed cavalry encountered
the Hunnic "Thessalonian groups". It was along
the Thracian river Nestos - Nests where the
greater part of the invaders were destroyed. Hunnic
dead were said to have numbered 3000

269/270^{winter}

Claudius II was the first Roman emperor on whom the title GOTHICUS was bestowed by the Senate.

Claudius II died in the winter 269/270 from the "plague". Aurelian was commander-in-chief of the Coesart cavalry just as was Claudius II. After a brief reign of Claudius II's brother QUINTILLUS Aurelian was made emperor.

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the man who succeeded
Portunus (in the Gallic Empire)
was MARIVS. It is said he was
a blacksmith by profession, and
was probably a common soldier at the
time of his elevation to power. Some
say he reigned 2 days; however, judging
by coins - he probably reigned 2 or 3
months. He was strangled as a result
of a private quarrel in the summer of

centum 7269.